

DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the three Replacement drawing sheets 4, 5 and 6, showing Figures 6 through 11 provided herewith for the originally supplied drawing sheets 4, 5 and 6 (as amended) showing Figures 6 through 11. Drawing pages 1, 2 and 3 showing Figures 1 through 5 have not been changed.

REMARKS:

The original application filed on February 18, 2000, called out and identified the automatic shutoff switch within the specification and claims. The drawings originally submitted failed to depict the automatic shutoff switch identified within the specification as reference numeral 114.

Subsequent to the appeal of the Examiner's Final Rejection of the pending claims, Applicant submitted substitute drawings on or about July 16, 2004. Those drawings were once again submitted, with a Petition to Revive, on March 10, 2005. The drawing sets submitted July 16, 2004, and again on March 10, 2005, both show the automatic shutoff switch slidably mounted within one of the rails of the device. Specifically, at Figure 9, the shutoff switch was shown and referenced by reference numeral 114.

As set forth within the specification of the application, the shutoff switch is a simple contact switch which deactivates a motor when one of the cross members of the lift touches the switch.

Applicant submits herewith three replacement drawing pages which depict a slidably mounted switch. On Figure 9 direction arrows have been added above and below the switch 114 to show movement (sliding) upwards or downwards as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 (r)(3). Further, the switch 114 has been added to Figures 6, 7, and 8. It will be noticed that the location of the switch is different in Figures 6 and 8, 7 and 8, 8 and 9. This also shows that the switch is slidable upward or downward.

With the submission of replacement drawing sheets disclosing a slidable shut off switch and this formal response calling out and clearly identifying the switch identifiable by reference numeral 114 as shown on Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Applicant's drawings, it is believed that the Examiner's prior rejection is overcome and the current issue identified in the January 27, 2006 Office Action has been appropriately and fully responded to. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the application be passed to issuance. If this matter may be expedited by a telephone conference, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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